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For:

WATER-SOLUBLE DRUGS AND RELATED COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF PREPARING SAME

#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-62.

1. (Cancelled) A water-soluble compound of the formula

$$A \longrightarrow B_1 - B_2 - N$$

wherein:

A is a water-insoluble drug;

B<sub>1</sub> and B<sub>2</sub> together are a spacer moiety; and

X is a polar moiety;